

for the martyred president. Soon after this Judge Thompson was elected District Attorney for seven counties of Iowa, to-wit: Linn, Jones, Cedar, Johnson, Iowa, Benton and Tama, and after creditably filling that office for six years he was tendered the renomination without opposition but refused it. Without his knowledge or solicitation he was then appointed Chief Justice of Idaho by President Hayes, and held that responsible position for one term resigning in 1879, when he returned to Marion. That fall he was elected to Congress and took his seat in December. He was a member of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, which required much work, having twenty-two contested cases. He was re-elected and served in all four years. For party reasons he was in 1883 persuaded to accept the nomination for representative to the state legislature and being elected was chosen Chairman of the Committee to reorganize the courts of the state, which business he successfully accomplished.

In August, 1894, he was appointed judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District and was elected to that position in November 1894 and re-elected in November, 1898 and 1902. His district comprised Jones, Cedar, and Linn Counties. He won high commendation for his fair and impartial administration of justice.

His mind was always analytical, logical and inductive, with a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the fundamental principles of the law, he combined a familiarity with statutory laws and a sober, clear judgment which made him not only a formidable adversary in a legal combat but gave him the distinction of being one of the ablest jurists of the state.

In the death of Judge Thompson, Iowa has lost one of its noblest citizens, beloved by all who knew him. But few men in Iowa were better and more favorably known, and it is a universal expression that the State of Iowa has suffered a great loss in his death.

In honor of his memory it is therefore.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to mail an engrossed copy of the same to the surviving members of the family of the decedent.

WILLARD C. STUCKSLAGER,

A. L. AMES,

H. R. CHAPMAN,

Committee.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Fitchpatrick, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

To the President of the Senate: Your Special Committee to prepare resolutions upon the character and public services of the late Senator Ericson, beg leave to report as follows:

Charles John Alfred Ericson was born in Sodra Vi Parish, Sweden, March 8, 1840. The family emigrated to America in 1852, settling on a farm in Rock Island County, Illinois, where Charles worked on the farm,

and in saw mill and flouring mill, and as clerk in a store, attending the common schools in the meantime until May, 1859, when he removed to Mineral Ridge, Boone County, Iowa, and there engaged in the general merchandise business, buying and shipping stock and acting as postmaster. In 1870 he removed his store to the city of Boone; in 1875 engaged in banking.

He died at his home in Boone, August, 1910, in less than a week after returning, in good health, from a trip around the world.

He represented his county as a member of the Fourteenth General Assembly and Boone and Story Counties as Senator in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, and Thirty-second General Assemblies, discharging his duties with honor and distinction, and he held many local offices.

He was always ready to help the poor and needy, which he did without show or ostentation, and his benevolences were large and varied. He took great interest in matters for the education of the youth, giving a large endowment to the Swedish College at Rock Island, built and donated to the city of Boone a splendid library building, and liberally contributed to numerous other objects of like nature. He took an active interest in Masonic affairs and in the affairs of the Presbyterian church, in both of which organizations he was an honored member.

Therefore resolved, That the Senate of the State of Iowa, with sorrow regret the death of the late Senator Ericson and tender to his family, friends, and associates, the sincere sympathy of this body; that in his death the state has lost one of its most honored citizens and his home city one of its greatest benefactors; that this preamble and resolution be printed in the Journal and an engrossed copy thereof duly authenticated be sent to the city library of Boone.

J. A. FITCHPATRICK,
JOHN L. WILSON,
JAS. A. SMITH,
Committee.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Ames, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

Mr. President: Your committee appointed to take recognition of the death of Senator Whipple, and to offer resolutions commemorative of his life, character and public service, respectfully submit the following:

William P. Whipple was born December 26, 1856, on a farm near the city of Vinton, Iowa, and grew to manhood thereon. He graduated from the high school in Vinton and immediately thereafter entered the State University, taking the full collegiate and law courses therein and receiving his law degree in 1878. Soon thereafter he entered upon the practice of his profession in his home city of Vinton, and continued in such vocation up to the time of his death. He early reached high rank in the profession and was a recognized leader of the bar in his district.